

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I have just recieved word about this new tax increase, and would like to comment on it. I feel that this is unfair to the cell phone users who do not have contracts, also known as prepaid cell users, in that most such users use their cellular telephones in volumes far below that of the average cell user. Another tax hike would hurt the end user aspect of this already costly service. It would make owning a cellular phone more difficult for lower income people everywhere. As I am certain you are aware, a cell phone is nearing a necessity in todays world. To take advantage of that need would be akin to growing all the worlds food, then making people work for half the year just to pay for that food. It might not sound that drastic, but i assure you, taking advantage of people's needs is immoral and unethical in every regard.

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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